

ABSTRACT

**XML TO NUMERIC CONVERSION METHOD, SYSTEM, ARTICLE OF
MANUFACTURE, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT**

A text representation of a number is converted into a numeric representation of the number by converting the text representation of the number into a description of the number's format; mapping the description of the number's format to a sequence of conversion code; and converting the text representation of the number into the numeric representation of the number by use of the sequence of conversion code. Preferably, the description of the number's format is a picture string; the text representation of the number is converted into a description of the number's format by a translation instruction using a translate table; and the sequence of conversion code for converting the text representation of the number into the numeric representation of the number comprises an assignment statement.